

Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Criminal violence preys on millions of Americans every year; and,

WHEREAS, Victims of crime and their families and friends often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses; and,

WHEREAS, Special victim groups such as racial minority victims, victims of hate crimes, elderly victims, child victims, surviving relatives of homicide victims, victims of drunk driving, sexual assault victims, differently-abled victims, spouse abuse victims, catastrophic physical injury victims, and burglary victims are often underserved in many of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, All victims share a common bond of suffering and survival; and,

WHEREAS, All citizens of the United States deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion, and justice in times of distress; and,

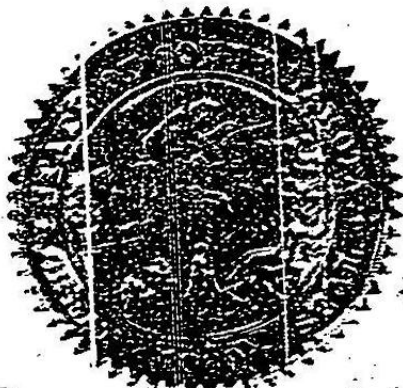
WHEREAS, Heretofore, such treatment has not been afforded to all victims, witnesses, and their loved-ones or survivors; and,

WHEREAS, Thousands of our fellow citizens, in their work and their volunteer activities, are devoting themselves to bringing a full measure of dignity, compassion, and justice to those of our friends, relatives, and neighbors who fall victim to crime:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 through May 2, 1987, as

VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens and institutions, public and private to support the establishment and enforcement of victim rights and services in South Dakota through participation in local and state activities commemorating those rights.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

George Hazelton
GEORGE HAZELTON, SECRETARY OF STATE